

THE MARK OF THE BEAST  
REV. 13:16-18; 14:9-12

Introduction:

- A. We have seen the beast rise up out of the sea.
  - 1. v13:1, "rise up out of the sea."
  - 2. The beast is wounded unto death. v3
  - 3. Men worship the beast. v4
  - 4. The beast blasphemes God. v6
  - 5. The beast makes war with the saints. v7
  - 6. The beast has 42 months of power. v5
  
- B. The second beast comes from the earth. v11
  - 1. He is the False Prophet.
  - 2. He "causes" the earth to worship the beast. v12
  - 3. He does great wonders. v13
  - 4. He deceives. v14
  - 5. He deceives people into making an image of the beast. v14
  - 6. He gives life to the image. v15

I. THE BEAST DEMANDS VERIFIABLE LOYALTY. V16

- A. "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads."
  - 1. causeth = poieo - to be the means of anything.
  - 2. small and great = mikros and megas.
  - 3. rich = plousis - wealthy.
  - 4. poor = ptochos - poor, poor as a beggar.
  - 5. mark = charagma - a mark cut in, soldiers received.
  
- B. Christ demands loyalty but His is not predicated on force or intimidation.
  - 1. Jesus allows us total freedom of will.
  - 2. He will never force us.



## II. THE POWER OF THE FALSE PROPHET TO ENFORCE THE MARK. V17

- A. "And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name."
1. buy = agorazo - to do business in the agora.
  2. sell = poleo - to trade away, barter.
  3. One of three circumstances:
    - a. The mark.
    - b. The name.
    - c. The number.
- B. The economic atmosphere.
1. There will be world-wide economic chaos prior to his coming to power.
  2. He will solve this problem. Dan. 8:25, "and through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hands."
  3. There will be plenty but goods can not be sold to those who do not worship the beast.

## III. THE NUMBER OF THE BEAST. V18

- A. "Here is wisdom, Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast."
1. wisdom = sophia.
  2. understanding = noun - reason, mind.
  3. count = arithmon.
- B. "for it is the number of a man, and his number is six hundred threescore and six."
1. number = arithmos - a definite number.
  2. man = anthropos - a man, a woman, an individual of the human race, If not man, 666, an animal.

## IV. THE DESTINY OF THE BEAST AND THOSE WHO WORSHIP HIM.

V14:9-11

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- A. The identification. v9
  - 1. The fall of Babylon and the fall of the antichrist are the same events. [false religion]
  - 2. "If any man."
  
- B. The torment of his worshipers. v10
  - 1. "He shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God."
  - 2. "Which is poured out without mixture."
  - 3. "He shall be tormented."
  - 4. "In the presence of...."
  
- C. The duration of the torment. v11
  - 1. "forever and ever."
  - 2. "no rest day or night."

V. GOD'S ENCOURAGEMENT. V14:12-13